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FIRST RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office action dated October 4, 2001 in the patent application identified above, please enter the following amendments and consider the appended remarks. One sheet of substitute formal drawing, two sheets of sketches explaining a cited reference, and a certified copy of the priority document are included with this response.

A request for extension of time is filed with this response.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231, on Apr 1, 2002.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Roger T. Frost".

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